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SUBJECT: EMBASSY BOMB-HOAX THREAT -- FURTHER REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF
IMMUNITY

REF: A. ROME 6130; B. STATE 093913

1. BOMB THREAT TRIAL TOOK PLACE BEFORE ROME CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL
MAY 28, WITH THREE EMBASSY OFFICERS WHOSE IMMUNITY WAIVED
BY REF B TESTIFYING IN OPEN COURT. AT END OF TWO-HOUR
SESSION TRIAL WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL JUNE 10 TO ALLOW MORE
WITNESSES, MAINLY FOR THE DEFENSE, TO BE SUMMONED.

2. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR HAS REQUESTED APPEARANCE IN COURT OF
FSSO-5 MISS CLARE MCGLADE, AMBASSADOR'S SECRETARY, WHO
ANSWERED PHONE BOTH TIMES HOAXER CALLED. HE WISHES TO
ASCERTAIN WHETHER CALLER'S VOICE WAS SAME IN BOTH
INSTANCES. WHILE THIS QUESTION IS SOMEWHAT PERIPHERAL, WE
BELIEVE ONLY COURSE CONSISTENT WITH US APPROACH SO FAR IS TO
WAIVE IMMUNITY FOR MISS MCGLADE TO ENABLE HER TO COOPERATE
WITH PROSECUTOR'S REQUEST. QUESTIONS POSED TO EMBASSY
OFFICERS WHO TESTIFIED MAY 28 WERE ALL COURTEOUS AND WELL
WITHIN BOUNDS OF RANGE OF SUBJECTS FOR WHICH IMMUNITY GRANTED.
WE ARE SURE THIS WILL HOLD TRUE IN MISS MCGLADE'S CASE AS
WELL. PRESIDENT OF THE COURT HAS ASSURED US THERE WILL BE
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NO FURTHER NEED FOR THREE EMBOFFS TO TESTIFY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WAIVER OF IMMUNITY FOR AMBASSADOR'S
SECRETARY AS DESCRIBED IN ABOVE PARAGRAPH. APPRECIATE
TIMELY REPLY IN VIEW OF JUNE 10 TRIAL DATE.VOLPE

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